

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	:	De Vuyst, et al.
Appl. No.	:	10/516,580
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For	:	STREPTOCOCCUS THERMOPHILUS STRAINS PRODUCING STABLE HIGH- MOLECULAR-MASS EXOPOLYSACCHARIDES
Examiner	:	Fernandez, Susan Emily
Group Art Unit	:	1651

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Restriction Requirement from the Examiner sent April 13, 2007. Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the claims as shown.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.